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## Gentlemen:

Attached is an order from the magistrate judge after our scheduling conference today. The short version is that both sides agree there is no genuine issue of material fact, and the judge will decide the case on the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment. The landowner/defendants will file their cross-motion for summary judgment on April 8, and the response will be due 21 days after. So, if someone on your side is looking for a deadline by which to act, that appears to be it. If the U.S. attempts to intervene or submit a brief after the summary judgment briefing is closed, without giving the landowner/defendants an opportunity to respond to it, that may be too late.

I asked if the court intended to hold an argument—the judge said he would wait to see the briefs before deciding that.

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